

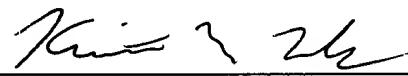
REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 29, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-26 remain pending in the application and are shown above. In an office communication dated June 29, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 2, 4-6, 8-11, 13, 15-19, 21-22, and 24 were not provided with the proper status identifiers. The Applicant has herewith amended the claim status identifiers to include the proper status identifiers as requested by the examiner.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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